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The Eagles are four strokes back of the final match-play spot.

Marc Gignac



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DESTIN, Fla. – Georgia Southern's [Archer Price](#) fired a 69 and led the field in par-4 scoring in the first round of the Sun Belt Championship at Raven Golf Club Sunday.

Georgia Southern (+9) is tied for eighth with Little Rock in the team standings, four strokes behind fourth-place Arkansas State (+5). The top four teams after 54 holes of stroke play advance to match play Wednesday.

Georgia State (-2) fired a 282 and leads the field, while Texas State (+4) and Troy are tied for second. UT Arlington (+6) is fifth, and ULM (+7) is sixth.

[Jonas Vaisanen](#) and [Steven Fisk](#) each shot a 3-over 74 for the Eagles, and [Cody O'Toole](#) shot a 76. [Henry Mabbett](#) rounded out the group with an 83.

Price (-2) is tied for fifth, four strokes behind Georgia State's J.J. Grey (-6), who shot a 65 to lead the tournament.

The Story

Price rolled in a team-high six birdies on the day and was 3-under after 15 holes. Vaisanen played his final 12 holes 1-under after a difficult start, and Fisk birdied his final two holes of the round. O'Toole was even through 11 holes but struggled coming in. The Eagles played the par-5 holes 1-under but struggled on the par-3 6th hole, where the counters were 4-over on the day.

Quotables from coach [Carter Collins](#)

"It's not the start we wanted, but Archer played well to hold the team in there and Steven birdieing his final two holes got us some momentum for tomorrow. We have a long ways to go in this event, and we are right in the thick of things for match play qualification."

"We are hoping to take advantage of this format of 18 holes per day, instead of the usual 36 holes, to reset and work on what we need to fix to be ready to tomorrow. We are looking forward to the rest of the week."

Next up

Georgia Southern is paired with Little Rock and South Alabama in tomorrow's second round. The Eagles tee off hole 10 at 8:10 a.m. CT.

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